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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SEIJI NISHIOKA ET AL.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/788,047

FILED: FEBRUARY 16, 2001

FOR: **ACETIC ANHYDRIDE, METHOD OF PURIFYING CRUDE  
ACETIC ANHYDRIDE, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING  
POLYOXYTETRAMETHYLENE GLYCOL USING ACETIC  
ANHYDRIDE**

EXAMINER: RABON SERGENT

ART UNIT: 1711

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**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY (37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: Director, Group

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW**

1. I, an attorney signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.36.

**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT**

2. The last known mailing address of the inventors' Japanese representative is: Yoshikawa International Patent Office, Murahama Bldg., 6F, 4-9-19, Higashinoda-cho, Miyakojima-ku, Osaka, 534-0024, JAPAN

**BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

3. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. §10.40(c).

In May of 2002, the undersigned moved his practice from the firm of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP to the offices of Perkins Coie LLP. The Applicant chose to have the firm of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP continue to prosecute its patent matters. The undersigned has not been the attorney of record for any matters for this Applicant, since approximately May 2002.

**ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT**

4. Status of this Application

A. Response due (if any)

- (i) ☐ There is no outstanding term for response.  
(ii) ☒ There was an outstanding term for response that expired on February 12, 2004.  
(iii) ☐ Also submitted herewith, is a response to the outstanding Official Action.

B. Time Left for Response

Therefore, the amount of time for response (including extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)):

- ☐ is at least  
☐ cannot be calculated because this case is/will now be awaiting action by the PTO.

**NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT**

5. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client.

A copy of the letter to Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, LLP dated September 17, 2003, is attached.

*Note: A practitioner shall not withdraw from employment without giving due notice to his or her client, 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a).*

**NUMBER OF COPIES OF REQUEST**

6. This request is enclosed in triplicate.

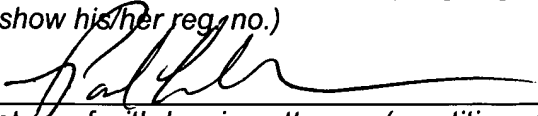
*Note: To expedite the handling of request for permission to withdraw as attorney under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 submit the request in triplicate (original and two copies) Notice of September 3, 1985 (1058 O.G. 32).*

**SIGNATURE(S) OF WITHDRAWING ATTORNEY(S) (PRACTITIONER(S))**

*Note: Each attorney of record must sign the notice of withdrawal or the notice of withdrawal must contain a clear indication of one attorney signing on behalf of another. M.P.E.P. § 402.06, 6th ed., rev. 3.*

8. Signature(s) of the attorney(s) withdrawing (or signature of an authorized attorney on behalf of an attorney withdrawing):

*(List all the attorneys and registration numbers, appearing on declaration or power, as appropriate. An authorized attorney signing on behalf of a withdrawing attorney should also show his/her reg. no.)*

  
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Signature of withdrawing attorney (practitioner)

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Respectfully submitted,  
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Date: April 4, 2004

  
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